

Roman Catholic Patriots (?)

Catholic priests and papers are very anxious just now to dodge the issue. The Menace has asserted that according to the oaths of the priests, bishops, Knights of Columbus, etc., it is questionable whether or not these people can be and remain good citizens of this republic and good Catholics at the same time. The ground for the challenge is the fact that they bind themselves to obey the pope and acknowledge him as their "supreme head in all things."

This challenge has been so diligently pressed home to them that it is getting under their tender epidermis to quite a painful extent, and they are attempting to elude the inquiries of their own people and curious Protestants by switching off onto a tangent, thinking by this means to turn attention from the main issue. There is a bunch of stereotyped slush going the rounds of the Catholic press which is intended to act as an opiate, but our dear "patriotic" friends will find The Menace "just around the corner" whenever they seek to pull off such innocent little stunts as this. From the Catholic Sun we take the following excerpts:

When the War of 1812 with England came on, they (Protestants) disappeared from view. They dropped their agitation against Catholics. They let American institutions take care of themselves. But Catholics were to be defended. The flag was put in the field for President Madison 42,000 soldiers. They furnished Major George Croghan, who, with only one six-pound cannon and 120 men, successfully defended Fort Stephenson, at Sandusky, Ohio, against the attack led by General Proctor, who had six pieces of artillery, 400 soldiers and 400 Indian savages. Catholics were with General Jackson and Coffee at New Orleans, when with 18,000 regular British veterans were defeated.

The bigots creep out of their holes after peace came, and became rampant again until the War with Mexico was declared. Then they vanished out of sight once more. They let Catholics do the fighting, and go to the front, and shed their blood, and sacrifice their lives for American institutions. Then General O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Reilly, Casey, Barney, Shields (afterwards General), and others, too numerous to mention, went, with Catholic soldiers under them, against the Mexican foe and were with General Winfield Scott and Zachary Taylor at Monterey, Matamoros, Buena Vista, Churubusco, Chapultepec, and the City of Mexico.

Well, now, to use the twentieth century expression, "wouldn't this jar your slates?" The idea of the Protestants "disappearing from view," and the "brave, Irish lads" having to fight the war of 1812 all alone! This is enough to drive a common scarecrow into fits! Why, such statements as these will certainly put "Windy Windie" out of business, and seriously impair the reputation of one Annanias.

Let us proceed with this "interesting" history: It recites that Major Croghan with a company of men actually defeated some Indians, and there were "Catholics with General Jackson and Coffee at New Orleans." The fact that there were some Catholics with Jackson will hardly be denied at this late day—no one supposed they had all deserted, but seriously is it not begging the question to boast that "Catholics were with General Jackson," etc.?

Now, the expression with which the next paragraph is introduced: "The bigots creep out of their holes after peace came!" And "when the war with Mexico was declared, they vanished out of sight." Shades of Annanias! They even have the brazenness to mention their "brave exploits" in the Mexican war! Let's see, if we are not mistaken, it was in the Mexican war where two companies of Catholic soldiers actually deserted the American army and went over to the enemy. (See Brooks' History of the Mexican War, page 385-400). For "St. Annanias," says, don't refer to the Mexican war again!

The Menace reiterates its challenge, and unhesitatingly questions the possibility of any man to be both loyal to the pope of Rome and the constitution of the United States.

TAXING CHURCH PROPERTY

We notice in a recent issue of the Post-Dispatch that Assessor Schramm, of St. Louis, is having an investigation made to ascertain just what part of the church property in that city is exempt from taxation.

The Seattle, Wash., Star announces that the same kind of a move is on foot in that city. In most cities it develops that the Catholic trust owns more property than all Protestant churches combined, and while such property as is used for church purposes is exempt from taxation, it develops that a great bulk of this property should be taxed.

The Romanists, of course, go up in the air, so to speak, when the question of taxing church property is mentioned, but the time has come when the people are beginning to realize that the Roman machine is nothing more nor less than a money-making device, and that since they are in the real estate business for money, the same as other dealers, they should be made to come across and obey the law in regard to taxes.

May the people continue to arouse from their slumbers.

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COWARDLY APOLOGIES FOR THE CARBONDALE RIOT!

Catholic Priests, Romanized Editors and Craven "Business Men" Blame Protestants--Romish Murderers Held up as Angels--Fear of Rome Produces Evasion and Prevarication--Catholics Attempt to Smother Facts--Real Foundations for the Lawless Mob.

BY J. F. COSS

IN LAST week's Menace appeared an account of a Catholic mob at Carbondale, Pa. All we had in that article were the bare facts of the affair. Since the stupendous importance of the disgraceful incident was recognized, The Menace and its friends have been busy. Practically every detail connected with the uprising has been carefully investigated. A week ago we knew there had been a Romish riot, but we did not know all the details of the affair. Now The Menace is in possession of unquestioned evidence; we know the leaders, the method of organization, the origin of the spirit leading up to it, the encouragement proffered, by whom and why, and the real underlying occasion for the un-American outrage.

Most of these recent mobs have a like origin and the circumstances surrounding them are very much the same. The purpose—real purpose—is the same in each instance, and the comments by the local press are nearly always along the same line. Carbondale is not an exception, only in certain respects.

Local Press Comments

In this, as in most all cases of the kind, the local press treats the affair in an equivocal manner. Most newspapers are, or try to be, the mouthpieces of their community, and in too many instances, truth and justice are lost sight of in an attempt to please their constituents. Lackawanna county, in which Carbondale and Scranton are located, is a populous county of nearly 300,000 people. The principal industries are coal mining and manufacturing. The population generally in such places is largely Catholic. Catholics have held many of the municipal and county offices, and the papers would naturally be largely influenced by the Catholic population. Then, it is no wonder we find the editors of the Scranton and Carbondale papers lending to the fellows who incited and participated in the riot. We propose to reprint some of the stuff these papers printed as editorials and otherwise. As far as an expression as we have seen was in the Carbondale Daily Leader of November 8. After condemning the lawlessness of the mob, etc., it says:

"As we say, two elements have had their doubtful satisfaction, but today no man is a better follower of Christ! no man or woman is a better Protestant, less a Catholic, or more a Catholic because Robert Wilson during the passions of men, who could not help being inflamed by his preaching, came here and made a speech which was known by the mob, almost word for word, from his having been spread broadcast by unscrupulous politicians at the voting places through the valley."

"It would be far better to pay no heed to Wilson and let him talk, but so long as human nature is as it is, such preaching will always result in violence. So long as the utterances of The Menace continue just so long will resentment smoulder and burst into flames of race and religious hatred."

Now, there is good sense in this, but, owing to the circumstances mentioned above, this editor could not complete his statement of the case without truckling. He said what he knew was true as to the lawlessness, etc., of the mob, but did not have the grit to stick to the text. The text in this case is: "Any man has the unquestioned right to address an audience in a church on any subject the audience wishes him to speak, and that without hindrance from anyone. Without defending the speaker or his methods, the Leader was doing quite well till it happened to think, 'What will our Catholic subscribers say when they see this?' then he proceeds to soap up. Of course, if Wilson and every other person had slunk off into a corner like whipped curs and allowed the Catholic people to have their own way about the election and all other affairs, there would probably have been no mob. Will the Leader answer these:

Did the church people have a right to open their church for this lecture?

Did the people who attended have a right to do so?

Did Mr. Wilson have a right to address the audience?

Was it any business of those who were not invited what was said?

Do you expect, or would you advise that liberty of speech be extended to only a certain class?

If so, to what particular class would you extend it?

Now, Mr. Editor, is it not a fact that Catholic priests attack the Protestant people from their pulpits, in the press and on every available occasion?

If you are informed, you must answer, "Yes."

If you are not informed, you should be.

Has it not always been customary for men to oppose each other in matters of religion and politics?

Do they not do this openly and publicly?

Is their doing so justifiable ground for mobs and riots?

Was the Carbondale riot justifiable from any standpoint?

If it was, why not explain?

If it was not, why not say so and be done with it?

Is it not true that your truckling attitude encourages the mob and riot spirit?

Did you open your head when the Catholic priest, in his "mission" sometime ago, announced that all who were not married by the ceremony of the Romish church were not married at all; that husband and wife were living in sin; the wives were concubines and the children were bastards?

If not, why not?

Are the Catholic people entitled to greater privileges than Protestants?

Did the Protestants raise a mob and offer violence to that priest who slandered the wives and children of your Protestant friends and neighbors—and possibly your own?

When you made the cowardly statement that "so long as human nature is as it is such preaching will result in violence," did you not covertly justify the mob idea?

When you stated, "so long as the utterances of The Menace continue just so long will the resentment smoulder and burst into flames of race and religious hatred," don't you know you uttered an untruth?

Don't you think you are amenable to the public for the untruthful utterances you make and the tendency your words have toward creating wrong impressions in the minds of your readers?

If you don't think so you are not worthy to edit a newspaper; you ought to change your occupation to something where you would not have to say such, that you might do less harm.

Do you know of a single instance where The Menace ever advised or even palliated mob rule?

Do not all decent, loyal, Christian, American and civilized people teach obedience to law?

If Wilson was making an unlawful or slanderous speech, is

RAFFLING OFF SOULS.

The Roman Catholic priests in Mexico have the purgatory graft down to a science. They raffie souls out of purgatory at so much a throw and do a wholesale business, as the following notice recently tacked up in a Catholic church in that unhappy country will show:

Raffle For Souls.

At the last raffle for souls the following numbers obtained the prizes, and the lucky holders may be assured that their loved ones are forever released from the flames of purgatory and ushered into heavenly joys.

Ticket 51. The soul of Madame Calderon is made happy forever.

Ticket 142. The soul of the aged widow, Francesca de Parsons, is forever released from the flames of purgatory.

there not law to punish him?

Why don't you advise those slandered to use the law on him?

We repeat, part of your editorial is correct, but is it not true that you twisted and turned it so that you hoped to satisfy the rioters and retain the respect of those who suffered from the riot?

Why did you do this? Why don't you stand flat-footed against law violation, against mobs and riots and the wanton destruction of property, as The Menace does; and for the preservation of every right accorded American citizens, as The Menace does?

Don't you know that if all editors would do this and let up on their willy-nilly, wishy-washy catering and truckling, this intolerance, this mob and riot and this suppression business would very soon disappear? It is this disposition to pander, cater and truckle that keeps the flames going and virtually says to such demons as composed your mob, "yes, you and your 'holy religion' are being abused, and as you are a dirty set of heathens, bound hand and foot to a heathen 'religion,' you should not stand idly by and suffer it." You and your ilk, by your editorials and expressions condone and encourage a people whose teaching has forced them to see but one side of any question—the side the priest shows them—to recognize no rights but their own; to consider law a jest and the obligations of citizenship a joke.

Scranton Editors Take a Hand.

"Robert Wilson, who has pronounced views on religion, gave a lecture in a church in the Pioneer City. It was ill-advised and utterly uncalled for, because it could have no other effect than to stir up race and religious hatred, an old and choice weapon of his Satanic Majesty, that they knew more of in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries than we do now, and, thank God for changed conditions."—The Scrantonian, November 8.

"Detective Robert Wilson should be held strictly responsible for the villainous slanders which he is disseminating in a cowardly manner behind closed doors before audiences who ought to blush for shame because they sat and listened to such villainous."—Scranton Times, November 9.

Read the Scrantonian squib again; it says Wilson's speech could have no other effect than to stir up religious hatred, an old and choice weapon of his Satanic Majesty during the sixteenth century.

Was the editor of this paper at the lecture?

Scranton also has a good number of Catholic people, and this editor could not keep his thumb out of the pie, so he proceeds to relieve himself of an overgrowth of long accumulated wisdom. In doing so, he remembers his Romanist constituents and dishes out a nice bunch of taffy. The effect of his slush is the same as that of the Carbondale Leader. Its tendency is to lend at least a shadow of excuse to the perpetrators of the thing he seeks to condemn. Why in the wide world did he not take this splendid opportunity to scorch lawlessness till it would have cringed in fear and shame? His remarks about the sixteenth century satanic methods was too sudden a turn, the purpose of Mr. Wilson's speech, if we have been rightly informed, was to avoid the recurrence of just such scenes as occurred in those terrible times when this same Rome which Wilson was fighting, burned men—good, God-fearing men—at the stake, for doing what Wilson was doing. This Rome claims to be the same, and the Carbondale riot proves the assertion; then, why does the Scrantonian hatch up excuses for the present conduct of the "holy church," the like of which he condemned in the dark ages?

Now, a word as to the Times' utterance:

How does The Times man know Wilson's speech was slanderous?

Did he also attend the lecture?

Why was it "cowardly" to speak "behind closed doors?"

Why should the audience "blush because they sat and listened to his villainous?"

This little editorial sketch virtually says: "Wilson slandered a religion; he uttered vile things against a church; it is cowardly to speak to a private audience, and it was shameful for people to sit in a church and listen to a man speak; therefore, it was not very wrong to mob him and destroy a heretic church!"

If such stuff does not incite to mob and riot, it doesn't do a thing.

Think a minute and see if we are not right.

Priest Murphy Gives His Views

It would hardly be expected that a Catholic priest in that vicinity would lose the opportunity to either rush into print or run off at the mouth while in his pulpit. "Rev. Father P. J. Murphy, pastor St. Patrick's church, Oliphant, Pa."—bet a dime his name is Pat—occupies nearly two columns in the Scranton Times, November 11, airing his views of the mob. This old celibate blames Billy Sunday and Mr. Wilson for it all. He expects the Knights of the Mob and Murder and runs out into a general splutter as to Billy Sunday and the results of the election in his county. No one would expect this priest or any other to condemn a Catholic mob for attempting to murder a man who was engaged in revealing some of their devilment. For this reason the frotings of this priest are not worthy further notice.

Now, Let's Get to the Bottom

The papers try very hard to blame religion for this outbreak, but religion had nothing—practically nothing—to do with it. The Menace has ascertained that for some years the Catholics in Lackawanna county have been working the political end of their game to a frazzle. They have been faithful to the instructions of their pope and their priests. They have played the game so well that they have had many of their faith in every department of the public service, county offices and municipal offices. The record for the past few years has been one of mismanagement and graft. They had the thing done so fine that they dominated the convention of one of the political parties and practically the entire ticket was composed of Romanists.

The people simply got tired of Pat This and Pat That, backed by the priests, hogging the platter, so they got busy and put a purely American ticket into the field.

The fight was Catholic against Protestant.

The campaign was hot.

Detective Wilson had dug into the workings of the Catholic political machine, and he was employed to make speeches over the county.

Evidently his speeches were effective, for the election was held and EVERY CATHOLIC WAS DEFEATED except a jury commissioner.

Did this have any effect upon these "sweet tempered, tolerant

Men are not to be had." Does anyone remember of ever having noticed a priest trotting about hunting a man to keep house for him?

Our millionaires and many of our nobility in other lands keep men only to look after their household affairs.

Yes, but then, men are not "efficient." Well, the priest who answered the query in this Catholic monthly probably knows "efficient" when he sees her.

If either of the two leading statements in the answer were true, some of the Catholic orphan homes might easily go out of business.

"Women of years of solid character

forbidden by statute to practice the same privileges?"

The Menace does not know what the law is on this question, but as part answer to the query begs to submit the following from the Question and Answer Department of the Parish Monthly (Catholic) published at Sheboygan, Wis.:

Question—Why do not priests have men for housekeepers?

Answer—Because they are not to be had. If men could be found as efficient and faithful as women they would be preferred. As it is, only women of years of solid character and absolutely irreproachable morals are admitted into the priest's home.

There, now, don't that settle it?

erant Christian politicians?" Did it?

Friday night, November 7, this Detective Wilson is found in a Protestant church speaking to a select audience. Admission was by ticket and the hoodlums were not permitted to enter. Disappointment and jealousy rankled in the hearts of the defeated Catholics. The election was a repudiation of Catholic politics and grafting politicians. The mob gathered about the church was composed of this class. This man Wilson had been instrumental in causing their defeat; the Protestants had dared to vote against the church political, so here is a fine opportunity to get even with Wilson and a goodly number of the despised "heretics," and at the same time erect a monument of their hatred in the way of a destroyed Protestant church.

Plans Are Carefully Laid

The Sheriff is a Catholic; also the mayor and a majority of the police force.

The hoodlums would never have a better opportunity. The demons let out a yell and hell broke loose!

From 7:30 till midnight the human devils waged their fight. Stones, clubs, guns, knives, liquor, a pot of tar, a bag of feathers and confidence in the non-interference of some of the officers, together with certain absolutism by the priest spurred the human devils on in their determination to murder Wilson and as many others as possible.

In their blind madness their victim escaped, but the murderers pursued every man resembling Wilson and beat up a number of innocent persons.

All night long human hyenas could be seen prowling about the streets.

Threats of murder were frequently made.

The officers mingled freely with the rioters.

The sheriff and the mayor and the chief of police and the members of the police force are personally acquainted with dozens, if not hundreds, of the rioters, and saw them in the mob.

There is a law in Pennsylvania against rioting and destruction of property.

What are the above named officials going to do about this disgraceful affair?

It was the duty of those officials to arrest every person possible in the mob that night.

It is the sworn duty of those officials to bring those pagan demons to justice, and every decent American citizen in the United States demands that these sworn officials do their duty.

At Oelwein, Iowa, last June, occurred just such a dirty stunt. The officials seemed slow. The Menace got busy and with the support of loyal Americans forced the arrest and trial of the rioters, which resulted in their conviction and punishment.

A reasonable time will be given the Carbondale city officials and the Lackawanna county officials to take up this disgraceful affair and bring the criminals to trial.

Let them attempt to whitewash this blot on the fair name of the state, or show a disposition to permit the guilty ones to escape and The Menace promises here and now that someone will hear something dire.

It is Time to Stop This Business

This business of mob and murder can be stopped, and Carbondale is a good place to begin.

Here is a warning: If the officers do not do their duty, the time will come when the drunken dupes of the pope of Rome will attempt to mob an American citizen and they will be met with weapons of their own choosing; blood will be shed; lives will be lost; race hatred will develop into revolution and the question of American rights and privileges will be settled!

God forbid that this should be forced to an open issue!

The Menace demands that it be settled in a peaceable manner and settled now. Let the law be enforced; let decent editors and decent citizens demand this in no uncertain terms. Let the citizens of Carbondale and Lackawanna county and the state of Pennsylvania go after the officers and force them to do their duty, and there will be few repetitions of this disgraceful affair.

A Few Other Little Matters

Here are a few matters the officers and citizens of Carbondale should not overlook:

The hoodlums had encouragement from "higher up."

The officials knew this riot was planned.

The speech had been discussed by the Knights of Columbus. One or more Catholic priests had "talked the matter over."

Revs. J. W. Malone and P. J. Murphy, Catholic priests, opened up the sore from their pulpits the Sunday following the riot.

They denounced Wilson and the pastor whose church was destroyed.

They did not denounce their members who did the rioting.

Those priests uttered what they knew were falsehoods; they ought to know that people with sense do not believe them.

When all the facts are known, we should not be surprised if the "holy priests" knew every detail of that riot.

Rev. Priests of Carbondale and vicinity, did you know anything of this affair, the Sunday before it happened?

Did you endorse it? Did you discourage it?

Will you give The Menace your answer and make affidavit to it?

The good people, loyal American citizens and especially members of the Berean Baptist church are to be commended for the wise manner in which they conducted themselves in this trying ordeal, and the patriotic people of Lackawanna county are to be congratulated on their great victory in the election.

This is America, the land of freedom, and we to the man or set of men who dares to question the liberty of a people who have won their rights on bloody battle fields from Lexington to San Juan! And it is not to be expected that they are going to sit idly down and submit to these mobs and riots much longer.

The laws accepted in civilized nations do not demand it, nor do the laws of God.

The hope of the American people is education and agitation. Teach the priest-ridden and church-controlled that there are such things as civil rights; that these rights are sacred to all; show them that their religion, so long as it is religion, shall not be curtailed, but let there be no uncertain note as to the outcome of an effort on the part of any organization to cover up political and treasonable machinations with pagan religious propaganda.

Let the Catholic organization and the hierarchy controlling it come out boldly and openly for their religion and keep their hands out of the civil politics of the nation, state and county; cut out this dirty mob disposition and attempts to suppress; devote their power to making Christians and American citizens and the banner of perfect peace shall wave over every foot of American soil.

America must and shall be free.

THE NEW AMERICA.

Mike's country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of papacy, Of thee I sing: Land of Boss Murphy's pride, Land where O'Connell's ride, Protestants run and hide, Rome's in the ring

Discharges a Catholic

London, Nov. 8.—Queen Mary has just given another proof of her determination that there shall be no Roman Catholic influence about the court, more especially about her children.

Some months ago, a Miss Grey was engaged to give painting lessons to Princess Mary. The queen did not at that time inquire into Miss Grey's religious leanings, taking it for granted that they were Episcopalian. A fortnight ago, however, Queen Mary learned that the tutor was a Catholic and she promptly discharged her.

Queen Alexandra, who has always had a slight leaning toward Roman Catholicism, immediately procured the girl a post as resident teacher in the King Edward school for girls at Sandringham.

—Sydney Herald, November 8.

If Queen Mary is not careful how she discharges Catholics, the Knights of Columbus, of America, will gather up a mob of their "holy thugs" and create a riot. In this country, certain people are simply compelled to employ Catholics, while it is a mortal sin, in the eyes of the priests and thugs, for anyone to discharge a Catholic.

What About the Male Nuns?

From The Post-Killer.

In all this business of Roman Catholic convents and nunneries, black veils and mystery, there is just one question that sticks out in my mind like a crowbar in a paper of needles.

I would like to know, if you please, just why it is that the pappyrats always demand women—and generally young women at that—to shut up in their prison-pens of infamy?

Why is it that men are never wanted for these "sacred" duties?

If a man would put on a robe and a black veil and walk around like he had a churn of milk on his head and a blister on both feet, couldn't he perform all the duties of a "nun" just as well as a woman?

Well, no, on second thought, I don't reckon he could. Man has his limitations, and the "howly" church is awfully hard to please, you know.

THE RAND CASE ABANDONED.

Dublin, Oct. 29.—The abduction charge against Mrs. Lucille Rand is practically abandoned as the result of today's hearing in the case against her, Mrs. Dora Montefiore and Mrs. Farrell.

Counsel for Mrs. Rand and Mrs. Montefiore stated that so far as they were concerned, the deportation proceedings were ended; they regretted that their object in coming to Dublin had been misunderstood. He asked that the prosecution withdraw; this the prosecution was unable to concede, but adjournment for a month was accepted.

If no further incident occurs, no more will be heard of the case.

"I am glad it is all over," said Mrs. Rand to the New York American. "I am returning to London with my husband tonight."

"My object in coming here was entirely to help the children. I have no connection whatever with the Socialist movement. The Catholic priests here, instead of appreciating my efforts to help the children, abused and attacked me and called me opprobrious names."

"I am a Catholic, but after the persecution I saw here, I will never enter a Catholic church again. I am glad that our action at least has stirred the priests to take some interest in the children, for until we came, they did nothing."

THE "FATHERS" HAD A GOOD TIME.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 22, 1913.

The Menace, Aurora, Mo.

Sirs:—As I sit here at the Adams House desk, I can look at a Catholic priest sitting in a chair not twenty feet from my elbow who is so drunk that he is unable to stand on his feet.

Two minutes ago he stepped out of one of the Adams House telephone booths and fell flat on his face on the floor.

Two loyal Catholics (I take it from their concern over the saintly father) are trying to figure out how to take care of him without letting the world know.

They have turned up his coat collar so as to hide the "linen collar of his priestly office" and of course he will get by without his parishoners ever knowing.

Now, let's all get together and imagine this beast "divinely (?) appointed of God" listening to the confessions of "his people" and "absolving them" if you please. And if you please, he is attending the "biggest American conference" of all the high church officials who have gathered here in Boston to talk over "How to Make America Catholic."

Honestly, if it wasn't so serious I'd smile—but I just can't.

God speed you in your good work and please send my first Menace soon.

Yours truly, AN OBSERVER.

THEY HIT IT ONCE IN A WHILE

In view of the absence of men of his faith from the cabinet, and their comparative rarity in the higher walks of political life generally, Mr. Tumulty might, perhaps, figure in a Bupstine line of "down and out" rather than of "out and out" Christians.—Sacred Heart Review.

Well, sir, to the man out at Aurora, Mo., it looks very much like "down and out" is the proper expression.